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From: Pete.Porro@f414.n154.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Pete Porro)
Subject: WHAT IS REALITY?
Date: 12 Apr 91 06:56:00 GMT

I saw the long message with quotes of quotes, and the end had someting I must accept. There is something that people see. What it is does not depend upon the source much of the time. Presidents and paupers have observed UFO's. The what and why and how are missing. The when and who we get from time to time. Last of all is by what athority. I don't think it is always necessary to conclude that a persons position inlife makes them more or less able to judge what they perceive. So we run in circles, especially for the one who is interested in this unexplained observation. Some of the time we are fed steak some of the time leftover dogfood. It's always hard to seperate the two, but none the less, something is going on and being seen!

I observe, question, and accumulate information. I conclude based upon the total knowledge collected. I have no reasonable answer as to what UFO's really are, where they come from, how they exist, or WHY?

So as most who read this might admit, the quest is for a solution to a question which appears on a fairly frequent interval. What is really going on? You and I may have divergent views, but our goals are the same.

There is hope...

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Subject: Re: SERIOS BUSINESS
Date: 12 Apr 91 07:09:00 GMT

I will have to watch what AC says more carefully when I watch again. I don't think he says "This is how it was done..." but he does say that there is a question as to the viability of the events. We both know that when something mystic happens, and someone can explain it in a dozen ways, that doesn't prove that one of those 12 ways are the answer. It reasonable to believe reproducible evidence, it's reasonable to disbelieve freak occurrences (even if they are factual), it is also logical to accept a reasonable explanation when it casts more doubt than the original event or events. It's unreasonable to stick to something that has been proven a fraud over and over again, just because of defensive thoughts.

It appears that strange claims are likely to be taken as fact even in the face of reality. It also happens that factual unusual events are more often ignored just because they are unusual.

If it seems I'm dancing on the rails as the train approaches, it is because each event is independent. I hope to keep thinking that way also. Each case or event is judged on individual merits.

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Subject: The Grey Men Tape (6)
Date: 12 Apr 91 07:44:00 GMT

Did you personally type the messages from the original publication and check for accuracy?

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Subject: Re: Statements of accepta
Date: 9 Apr 91 23:38:00 GMT

>> I am looking for statements they have committed to print and public
>> distribution;

JS> Sorry; can't really help you there. I do believe that the
JS> statements you seek exist in many places, most notably the
JS> Skeptical Inquirer, but I couldn't cite you specific references.

I was of the same 'impression' re the Skeptical Inquirer; what I
can't understand is, when I ask people who I feel should be familiar
with this material to give references, in order to substitute actual
statements in place of general impressions, I get nowhere. That says
something, either about the material or the people.

>> Such statements would be quite valuable. It would at least show how
>> competent these guys are as scientists (assuming they would actually
>> write their own stuff) as opposed to propagandists.

JS> It is my impression that these guys are competent "scientific
JS> thinkers." (Define "scientist.") I am not by any stretch of the

I would rather define what is "scientific" rather than trust a
"scientist" to be always "scientific".

So, now my stab at a definition of "scientific": 1) 'Objective' and
data, uncoupled to any specific theory or hypothesis, 3) 'Explicit'
enumeration of all assumptions, 4) 'Explicit' and 'quantitative'
formulation of theories, either algorithmically or heuristically.

JS> imagination a "scientist", but I believe I've got a grasp on
JS> how the thinking process goes. While I disagree with their
JS> parameters for evidence, I recognize that there is enough room
JS> for gentlemanly debate on the subject without stooping to the
JS> degree of vilification you seem to revel in. The bottom line

If the issue is so unclear, perhaps the "gentlemanly debate" hasn't
been as productive as you think. Perhaps we should stoop to criticise
improper thinking, even when our friends do it.

On the other hand, I 'was' engaged in sarcastic parody at some
points. For that, I'll apologize.

JS> is, I *do* believe that "these guys" will accept *SOMETHING*
JS> solid as evidence, and though they do seem to present a moving

As long as they have reasons for adopting the standards of
evidence, and reasons for changing them, it's OK by me.

Of course, there is a tendency to put the matter in a

"belief/non-belief" framework; that's more a religious context than a scientific one. Evidence acquired will either make a specific hypothesis or theory more probable or less probable. Granted, trying to develop a consistent and explicit process for evaluating exactly how much even "accepted" evidence bolsters any particular theory is not easy. However, materialist that I am, I assume that if the human mind is capable of doing it then we can, with sufficient technological resources, model the process. And it's time to start now.

JS> target, I believe that, if UFOs are a genuine, physical
JS> phenomenon, it is within our power to gather the requisite
JS> amount of evidence to convince them. Of course, with some of

"Within our power" 'if' they have explicit and reasoned standards of evidence.

JS> them, it becomes almost academic, since a sufficiently large
JS> body of evidence has indeed already been gathered.

By "them" I assume you mean scientists in general. Or Oberg, Scheaffer, and Klass? or some other group in CSICOP?

>> When Rick, a member of the Bay Area Skeptics and CSICOP, evaded
>> this issue so persistently it merely reinforced a pattern I've seen in
>> skeptics before; using science when it is convenient, and ignoring it
>> otherwise.

JS> <sigh> I have seen that pattern in skeptics myself. I just
JS> don't see it in Rick, and I don't think you should be painting
JS> with such a broad brush.

Everyone has blind spots; I don't claim absolute correctness. I pointed out what I considered to be serious, and specific, lapses. Others can evaluate them as they please.

... from the purlieus of Pittsburgh

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Subject: Re: Mail Problems
Date: 14 Apr 91 06:13:00 GMT

Clark

Where is your file/posting on oddities on the moon? I really want to read that! Thanks, Linda Bird

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From: John.Feilke@paranet.FIDONET.ORG (John Feilke)
Subject: Re: New Affiliates
Date: 14 Apr 91 00:10:00 GMT

In a message to All <04-12-91 11:35> ParaNet(sm) Information Service wrote:

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PI=>family.
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PI=>Pat Pushor
PI=>ParaNet MU(sm)
PI=>Calgary, Alberta CANADA
PI=>403-289-1209 2400
PI=>
PI=>On behalf of ParaNet, WELCOME! Please take a moment and
PI=>introduce yourselves to the group.
PI=>
PI=>Michael Corbin
PI=>Director

Hello all,

I'm John and am sysop of ParaNet Lambda(sm) here in Lincolnton,
North Carolina. y'all come on by and sit a spell.

Our board is dedicated to getting as much information into the
publics hands as possible. For too long have they been informed by
supermarket tabs and disinformation. It is past time for that. If you have
a informed populace then your questions must be answered.

John

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Subject: Re: Bill Cooper
Date: 16 Apr 91 23:25:48 GMT

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The reason UFOlogists have to 'drag a UFO into Washington' is because the government dosen't want anyone to know that UFOs *DO* exists. Also, the government has enough blind followers who believe everything they're told, that they (the government) can get away with it. You and I both know they exist.... but try telling that to someone who hangs on everything the air-force tells them. (There people are knows as Skeptics) Eventually people will wise up and relize that there are UFOs, but the question is... WHEN? I can't understand how people can believe that we are all alone in the universe. When you relize that the universe is expanding in all directions at the speed of light, and has been for all of time. It is impossible to even estimate how long that is. Oh well... time for me to step off another of my mane soapboxes. :-)

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I cannot be held responsible for this message since my foot is in my mouth.

From: Jim.Greenen@f29.n363.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Jim Greenen)
Subject: WHAT IS REALITY?
Date: 15 Apr 91 14:05:00 GMT

I agree with you 100% on that, Pete. Thanks for the reply. I don't know if we will find all the answers but maybe are children will require and gain much more than us. 40 or 50 years from now our children will probably laugh at us because we probably had the answer right under our nose and didn't see it. That is why I don't wear a mustache, I don't want to miss anything. ---GRIN---

73's ---Jim---

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Subject: nice chat
Date: 15 Apr 91 14:39:01 GMT

Had a nice sit down chat with Lars yesterday and I mention that seems to get up-set easily, he said yes but he really is a nice guy and I think he is a super guy. I said, OK I'll try to be careful on what I say to him because my intention was not to light a fuse but to have a general conversation with him. It's really nice to know that we have friends and I thought I might let you know. Apat on the back feels better than a punch in the gut. 73's ---Jim---

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From: John.Hicks@f29.n363.z1.FIDONET.ORG (John Hicks)
Subject: Redlight!
Date: 16 Apr 91 07:20:00 GMT

The Gulf Breeze Sentinel reports that 14 people observed a red light ufo from South Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze the night of April 6.

The gist of the story is that they saw the light appear, slowly ascent for about three minutes, then suddenly go bright white and vanish.

Still photos and videotapes were made.

More info to follow soon's I can.

jbh

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BREAKING DOWN "THE WALL" OF UFO SILENCE

FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS, ALMOST THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN CONTINENT HAS
BEEN PLAGUED BY A WAVE OF UFO SIGHTINGS UNSURPASSED IN HISTORY,
PERHAPS MOST PUZZLING HAVE BEEN THOSE OF A GIGANTIC "FLYING
PLATFORM" SIGHTED NEAR THE GERMAN BORDER IN BELGIUM.

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In a totally unprecedented move in the history of ufology, the
Belgian Air Force and government has not only carefully
documented the great UFO wave over Wallonia, but shared its
results with civilian investigators and the public, in effect
literally breaking down "The Wall" of UFO Silence that still
stands in the western world.

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For the past year, citizens in the French-speaking region of
Wallonia in Belgium have experienced an extraordinary UFO wave.
Thousands of witnesses, including dozens of gendarmes (national
police) and officers of the Belgian Air Force, have described
triangular-shaped vehicles flying slowly over rooftops, hovering,
shooting searchlights and performing incredible maneuvers. The
objects have been captured on some 25 videotapes and tracked on
both ground and airborne radar by the military.

Few, if any, will doubt that the triangular UFOs have been seen
all over Wallonia since November of 1989. According to a front
page story in The Wall Street Journal published on October 10,
1990 and entitled "Belgium Scientists Seriously Pursue A

Triangular UFO," "since the rash of sightings here began almost a year ago, more than 12,600 have been reported of a triangular object with three huge lights hovering in the night sky over Wallonia." The question that some are asking is whether these objects could be explained by the testing of a new top secret military aircraft. Remotely Piloted Vehicles (RPVs), AWACS, the F-117 Stealth Fighter, and a modified version of the B-2 Stealth Bomber, are some of the options that have been suggested.

Besides the large amount of well documented data gathered by the Gendarmerie, the Air Force and civilian scientists from the Belgian Society for the Study of Space Phenomena (SOBEPS), the Belgian Map has broken another record. For the first time ever in the controversial history of UFOs anywhere in the world, the Belgian Minister of Defense, Guy Coeme, has authorized the Air Force to fully cooperate with SOBEPS, forwarding their reports, and even putting at their disposal a Hawker Sideley aircraft equipped with infrared cameras and sophisticated electronic sensors.

As the well known French physicist, Jean Pierre Petit, explained to Paris Match magazine, "we are living in a time that is the beginning of a period of openness. First the Berlin Wall crumbled, now the wall of silence about UFOs is falling. Concerning the UFOs, we are entering a phase completely different from the earlier ones. It is the end of commercialism and fakery. The true scientists are finally making their appearance." Dr. Petit is a senior physicist and director of research with the National Center for Scientific Research of France. An iconoclast and a world class expert on magnetohydrodynamics (MHD), Dr. Petit has also conducted some rather interesting UFO research of his own, publishing recently his results in the book, INVESTIGATION OF UFOS.

Unlike many other UFO groups around the world, the SOBEPS has a team of respected scientists, including Leon Brenig, a nonlinear dynamics theorist at the Free University in Brussels, and Professor August Meessen, a physicist from the Catholic University at Louvain. Among the numerous UFO witnesses, in fact, were Lucien Clerebaut, Secretary General of SOBEPS, Patrick Ferryn, a film producer and founding member, and Jose Fernandez, another SOBEPS investigator. "Here is an opportunity where we can apply the scientific method," remarked Professor Brenig.

SOBEPS files show that the first sightings occurred on the night of November 7, 1989, when two gendarmes from Esneux observed a silent huge craft "with two very powerful white lights directed downwards and 'a sort of green and red garland.'" The flap, however, gained momentum and notoriety on the evening of November 29 when 41 witnesses, including six gendarmes, observed the huge triangle - sometimes referred as "a stationary platform" - in Eupen, Verviers, and several other locations in Wallonia near the border with Germany. As the press speculated with AWACS and Stealth aircraft on the following days, the Defense Minister Guy Coeme dismissed these rumors, stating that "all hypotheses involving the presence of military aircraft in our air space are definitely to be ruled out. "

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Subject: Sitchin
Date: 18 Apr 91 21:19:01 GMT

From: User <YSCS1296@VM1.YorkU.CA>

Visiting my local bookstore today, I chanced upon a series of books with one of them entitled GENESIS REVISITED, and another called THE 12TH PLANET. I can't recall the author name. Sitchin, or something like that. Anyway, they are a series of 5 books that talk about basically the theory that humans are descended from ETs. I browsed through a few of them, and there are lots of photos, etc. What was most interesting was that in GENESIS REVISITED, there was a whole section on the alien threat as we have discussed it on Paranet, including SPECIFIC references and DIRECT quotations of Regan's speeches that was mentioned in the KRILL documents (his reference to the extra-terrestrial threat to humanity). Kind of gave me a shiver down the spine. Unfortunately, I did not have enough money (nor perhaps want to) for the books so did not buy them - although my curiosity is piqued enough to warrant that in the future. There was a reference to Planet X - the alleged 10th planet after Pluto. Also much data on the Mars Face, etc. All in all, a whole shipload of Paranet-ish material. I was surprised these books were not more popular or talked about. The subject of alien-descended homo sapiens should be quite controversial. The author might even be harrassed by those 'die-hard church-types'.

From: ncar!ugw.utcs.utoronto.ca!VM1.YorkU.CA!YSCS1296
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Date: 18 Apr 91 21:20:18 GMT

From: User <YSCS1296@VM1.YorkU.CA>

Since Paranet is not UFOnet, here is something which may or may not be directly or indirectly related to UFOs (sounds like those disclaimer things you get from stuff you purchase..)

Do we have anyone here with info on Astral Projections?

Specifically, I want to know how to induce an OBE, and what risks there are once one is astrally projected: e.g., what of the claims from Hubbard that there are 'machines' that the higher-dimension entities can use to capture your life force once it exits the body? What about the silver-thread thing that I keep hearing about from the likes of Shirley Maclaine?

With OBEs, who needs Mr. Scott, eh?

From: Steve.Rose@p1.f134.n109.z1.FIDONET.ORG (Steve Rose)
Subject: Again?
Date: 17 Apr 91 05:23:31 GMT

In a message to all <16 Apr 91 00:20> John Hicks wrote:

JH> The Gulf Breeze Sentinel reports that 14 people observed a red
JH> light ufo from South Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze the night of April 6.
JH> The gist of the story is that they saw the light appear, slowly
JH> ascent for about three minutes, then
JH> suddenly go bright white and vanish.

Hmmm...isn't it about the time for them to gear up for the upcoming tourist season? This seems to be becoming a springtime ritual.

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